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1. BELIEVE REF IS MISSPELLING OF "GRUPUL AERONAUTIC BUCURUSTI."
IT WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS "CENTRALA INDUSTRIALA AERONAUTICA ROMANA" BUT CHANGED NAMES ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO. ITS ADDRESS IS CALEA VICTORIEI NO. 133, BUCHAREST; TELEX 011222; TELEPHONE 50-50-25; 50-40-90; 50-45-40 (PROTOCOL); DIRECTOR GENERAL VASILE BUCUR. ACCORDING TO GRUPUL AERONAUTIC, IT PRODUCES ALL PLANES MADE IN ROMANIA, AS WELL AS SPARE PARTS AND RELATED AVIATION EQUIPMENT. IT IS ALSO INVOLVED IN MAINTENANCE.

2. WE WERE RECENTLY ALERTED TO CURRENT FOKKER/ROMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED IN REF BY VISITING DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT REP AND CHECKED WITH GERMANY EMBASSY. BOTH SAID THAT SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. GERMAN EMBASSY ADDED THAT ONLY DIFFICULTIES REMAINING ARE OF FINANCIAL NATURE AND EXPECTED TO BE SOLVED BY EARLY FALL THIS YEAR. INITIAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOR 100 VFW 614'S, FIFTY TO BE USED BY TAROM FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS, AND FIFTY TO BE EXPORTED TO OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.
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